

REMARKS

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action mailed February 13, 2004 ("Office Action"). At the time of the Office Action, Claims 4, 5, 10, 13-14, 16, 20-21, and 25 were pending and Claims 4, 5, 13-14, and 20-21 were allowed. In the Office Action, the Examiner rejects Claims 10, 16, and 25. Applicant adds new Claims 29-34 which contain no new matter.

Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's indication that Claims 4, 5, 13, 14, 20, and 21 are allowable. Pursuant to M.P.E.P. § 1302.14, Applicants respectfully issue a statement commenting on the Examiner's reasons for allowance. Applicants respectfully traverse the Examiner's reasons for allowance to the extent that they are inconsistent with applicable case law, statutes, and regulations. Furthermore, Applicants do not admit to any characterization or limitation of Claims 4, 5, 13, 14, 20, and 21 by the Examiner, and specifically do not admit to the Examiner's characterization of what is "the novelty of the invention."

Section 103 Rejections

The Examiner rejects Claims 10, 16, and 25 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,675,745 issued to Oku et al. ("*Oku*") in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,410,344 issued to Graves et al. ("*Graves*"), U.S. Patent No. 5,499,340 issued to Barritz ("*Barritz*"), and U.S. Patent No. 5,708,780 issued to Levergood et al. ("*Levergood*"). Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection and requests reconsideration and allowance of Claims 10, 16, and 25.

In the Office Action, the Examiner cites a portion of *Levergood* (col. 4, ll. 31-42 and col. 6, ll. 60-65) as disclosing a "system, apparatus, and method for tracking user access to messages and websites which stores and updates a personal profile." (Office Action, paragraph 5). In doing so, the Examiner equates a "user profile" of *Levergood* with the "personal profile" used in the present claims. A closer reading of *Levergood* reveals, however, that nothing in *Levergood* discloses modifying either a "user profile" or a "personal profile."

For example, the Examiner cites a portion of *Levergood* at col. 4, ll. 31-42 that discloses a "transaction log." However, the "transaction log" of *Levergood* is not a "user profile" as relied upon by the Examiner and is certainly not a "personal profile" as recited in Claim 10.

Moreover, nothing in this cited portion of *Levergood* teaches, suggests, or discloses modifying a “user profile” of a particular user, as concluded by the Examiner, or modifying a “personal profile ... in response to the access statistics” as recited, in part, in Claim 10.

The Examiner also cites a portion of *Levergood* at col. 6, ll. 60-65 that discloses the use of a “user profile which includes information for identifying purposes, such as client IP address and password, as well as other demographic information such as user age, home address, hobby, or occupation, for later use by the content server.” Significantly, this portion of *Levergood* is limited to using the “user profile” for managing the **authentication** and **authorization** of a user. Nothing in this cited portion of *Levergood* teaches, suggests, or discloses modifying the “user profile” of a particular user, as concluded by the Examiner, or modifying a “personal profile ... in response to the access statistics” as recited, in part, in Claim 10.

The Examiner also cites a portion of *Levergood* at col. 8, ll. 27-50 that discloses the use of a “history profile” to “track access history within a client-server session.” *Levergood* provides no mention, however, of using this “history profile” to modify the “user profile” of a particular user, as concluded by the Examiner, or to “modify a personal profile” as recited, in part, in Claim 10. The next paragraph of *Levergood* relied upon by the Examiner, at col. 8, ll. 51-58, also provides no indication that a “user profile” is at all modified. Instead, this portion of *Levergood* is limited to **accessing** a “prearranged user profile” and including information from it in a session identification (SID). Moreover, the session identification (SID) does not comprise any portion of a “user profile.”

Therefore, although the Examiner concludes that a “user profile” of *Levergood* is updated (Office Action, paragraph 5), no portion of *Levergood* cited by the Examiner actually supports that conclusion. Indeed, no portion of *Levergood* teaches, suggests, or discloses a “watch module ... operable to modify a personal profile of the knowledge worker in response to the access statistics” as recited, in part, in Claim 10. Applicant therefore requests reconsideration and allowance of Claim 10.

For at least the reasons stated above with regard to Claim 10, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of Claims 16 and 25.

New Claims 29-34 depend from allowable independent claims. For at least these reasons, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of Claims 29-34.

CONCLUSION

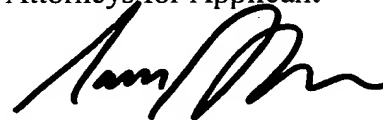
Applicant has made an earnest attempt to place this case in condition for allowance. For the foregoing reasons, and for other reasons clearly apparent, Applicant respectfully requests full allowance of all pending claims.

If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would advance prosecution of this Application in any manner, the Examiner is invited to contact Samir A. Bhavsar, Attorney for Applicant, at the Examiner's convenience at (214) 953-6581.

Although no fees are believed due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-765.

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